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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETING WITH AMIA FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
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Classified By: Ambassador E. Anthony Wayne for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary. On July 10, Ambassador Wayne, accompanied  
 by Legal Attache and poloff, met with representatives from  
 the Friends and Families of victims of the 1994 Argentine  
 Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) terrorist attack (FAV).  
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of the AMIA attack and the 1992 attack on the Israeli Embassy alive. He expressed support for their and the Argentine government's efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice

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FAV representatives thanked the USG for its support, and offered their perspective on additional leads the GOA should have pursued in the AMIA investigation. They also expressed concern over Iran's "aggressive" diplomatic effort to lobby Interpol members to overturn the EC decision.

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End Summary.

2. (C) On July 10, Ambassador Wayne, accompanied by Legal Attache and poloff, met with representatives from the Friends and Families of victims of the 1994 Argentine Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) terrorist attack (FAV). The Ambassador praised the FAV's perseverance in pursuing justice in the AMIA attack and the 1992 attack on the Israeli Embassy and for keeping the memory of the victims alive. He expressed support for their and the GOA's efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice. FAV representative, Luis Czyzewski, thanked the USG for its support, and asked that the USG lobby Interpol members prior to the November General Assembly urging them to vote in favor of upholding Interpol's Executive Committee (EC) recommendation to issue six international arrest warrants (Red Notices) for suspects implicated in the AMIA attack. He noted that although Interpol's General Assembly has never overturned a unanimous EC decision before, the FAV remains concerned over Iran's "aggressive" diplomatic effort to lobby Interpol members to overturn the decision.

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3. (C) The Ambassador praised AMIA Special Prosecutor Alberto Nisman's handling of the AMIA investigation and asked for FAV's observations on how the previous investigation was mishandled.

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4. (C) Ambassador praised Nisman's efforts to investigate the AMIA bombing, and asked for FAV's opinion on how the case was handled in the first investigation under Judge Galeano. Czyzewski acknowledged that Nisman had conducted a good investigation

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He noted that there was also a lot of inter-agency fighting that complicated the investigation. He further explained that Galeano's decision to pay a witness for testimony is actually permitted under Argentine law, so long as the payment is drawn from a specific fund and noted in the case file. Unfortunately, Galeano kept the payment secret, Czyzewski stated.

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Upon conclusion of the meeting, Czyzewski invited the Ambassador to participate in a ceremony on July 18 to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the bombing. The Ambassador noted that he had planned to attend the annual commemoration.

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